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For Immediate Release:

## LOCAL WOMEN ATTEND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TRAINING

CHARLESTON -- Carrie Welsh and Becky Faulkner, both of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, recently attended a four-day session on child passenger safety training at Bloomington.

The course is taught through a combination of lectures, discussions, role-playing and hands-on practice with both safety seats and vehicle belt systems. It concludes with both written and hands-on testing.

Both Welsh and Faulkner successfully received their certification from the American Automobile Association, and will be putting their new skills to use in educating parents across central Illinois on correct safety seat choices and installations. Recent statistics show that approximately 95 percent of child restraint systems are installed incorrectly, which can lead to injuries and fatalities when children are involved in motor vehicle crashes.

Welsh and Faulkner will be working at the new Child Passenger Safety Resource Center, Lincoln Plaza Building, Suite 11, 655 W. Lincoln Ave., in Charleston.

These services are made possible through a grant provided from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety, and in collaboration with Eastern Illinois University and Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. They are open to persons from Coles, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, Clark, Cumberland and Shelby counties.

For information, contact the Child Passenger Safety Resource Center at (217) 581-8391.

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